

more interesting species than in the Eastern
portion. Russian botanists - Potania,
Przewalsky, Piasecki - have discovered many
most interesting plants in N.W. China of
late years, & I trust you will do the
same. Perhaps I may be privileged to
be the recipient of some of your
trouvailles. Let me add that a really
valuable work (I speak from good
authority, for my copy has not as yet
arrived), Franchet's Plantae Davidianae
which would embrace your territory, has
only just appeared at Paris. I am
always glad to be of service to my
compères.

I am, dear Sir,
Very truly Yours

A. H. Hance

16 I. 85. Found at front of: G. Bentham, Flora
Hongkongensis, 1861 (Fl 51/B44)
[Book was Dr. Osborne's - gift of A. Gray]

To
(Dr. D. E. Osborne)

M.B. M. Consulate,
Canton, 9. April, 1885.

Dear Sir,

I have duly received your
letter of 19. March, with the introduc-
tory note from my respected and
reverable friend Prof. Asa Gray.
The books you would first most
useful to facilitate your studies would
be the following,

1. Maximowicz. - Primitiae fl. Amurensis,
St. Petersburg. 1859.
2. Maximowicz. - Diagnoses pl. nov.
Japoniae et Mandchuriae,
St. Pet. 1866.-76.
3. Maximowicz. - Diagn. pl. nov. asiaticarum
St. Petersburg. 1877.-1883.
4. Regel. - Tentamen fl. Ussuriensis,
St. Petersburg. 1861.
5. Schmidt. - Reisen in Amur-Lande

und auf der Insel Sachalin. Botanischer
Theil. St. Petersburg. 1868.

6. Franchet & Savatier. - *Enumeratio
plantarum in Japonia sponte
crescentium*. 2 vols. Paris 1875-9.

7. Baipier. - *Flora orientalis*. 4 vols.
Basel, 1867-84.

8. Hooker. - *Flora of British India*,
3 vols ^{published} ~~complete~~ - the 4th
in progress. Lond, 1875-83.

9. Ledebour. - *Flora Rossica*. 4 vols.
Stuttgart, 1842-53.

10. Regel & v. Herder. - *Reisen in den
Süden v. Ostibirien, ausgeführt
durch G. Radde. Botanische
Abtheilung*. Moskau, 1861-70.
(Still unfinished.)

Besides these special floras, there are
a great number of works which would
be necessary to one who went in
as a professed botanist for the

study of Chinese plants, and there
are several hundred articles of my
own in the 21 vols. of the *Journal
of Botany*, the *Proceedings of the London
Linnean Soc.*, the *Paris Annales des
sciences naturelles*, &c. But I apprehend
that you expect to work rather
as a collector & student than as an
author. The best firm from which to
obtain any of the works I have enu-
merated is "R. Friedländer & Sohn,
11 Carlstraße, Berlin", who are the
largest dealers in natural history books
in the world: you could of course
send yr. orders through any well known
bookseller in Boston or New York.

I have taken some trouble to give
you accurate advice as to books, and I
sincerely trust you may find it serviceable.
There is a wonderful harvest of novelties
awaiting patient explorers of this vast
Empire, and if ^{you} are stationed in W.
then if you would be likely to get